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(c) The fact that a person's name is found in the Assembly roll does not automatically entitle him to vote in the municipal elections, if it is not found in the municipal rolls. The amendment issued by the Electoral Registration Officer of the Assembly constituency should be published by the Municipal Election Officer, as an amendment to the roll of the municipality and only after such an amendment is published the voter will be qualified to vote in the municipal elections.

\* 313 Q.—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMY PILLAI (on behalf of SRI A. GOVINDASAMY): Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) the names of recognized State Political Parties and the symbols allotted to the candidates belonging to those parties for the ensuing municipal elections;

(b) whether the Government are aware that the symbols reserved for candidates belonging to scheduled castes and ladies has been wrongly allotted for general seats candidates in Pollachi, Coimbatore and Vellore; and

(c) whether the Government propose to rectify this mistake before this municipal elections take place?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON:

(a) *Name of State Political Party—Symbol.*

1. Dravida Munetra Khazagam—Rising sun.

2. Indian National Democratic Congress—Elephant.

(b) & (c) No, Sir.

No written representations have been received by Government in the matter. Symbols are not reserved exclusively for scheduled castes and women. In a ward in a municipality where there is a reserved seat in addition to a non-reserved seat, a party can set up two candidates one of whom will be qualified for the reserved seat. The symbol already assigned to the party will be given to both the official candidates of the party, the first candidate being assigned the bare symbol and the second candidate the symbol enclosed in a circle. The question of rectification of defects does not therefore arise.

*Gardens in Merattunilai, Tirumayam taluk*

MR. SPEAKER : The hon. Member, Sri V. Arunachala Thevar, is not in his seat. The question and answer will be printed in the official proceedings.